

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 1 to 11, as follows:

The file system includes a separate portion reserved for files having extra-long operations in progress, including file deletion and file truncation. This ;--this separate portion of the file system is called the zombie filesystem. The zombie filesystem includes a separate name space from the regular ("live") file system and is maintained as part of the file system when recording a consistency point, just like the live filesystem. The live filesystem refers to those files that are accessible to users in normal operation, such as for example those files for which a path can be traced from a root of a hierarchical namespace. The file system includes a file deletion manager that determines, before beginning any file deletion operation, whether it is necessary to first move the file being deleted to the zombie filesystem. The file system includes a zombie file deletion manager that performs portions of the file deletion operation on zombie files in atomic units.